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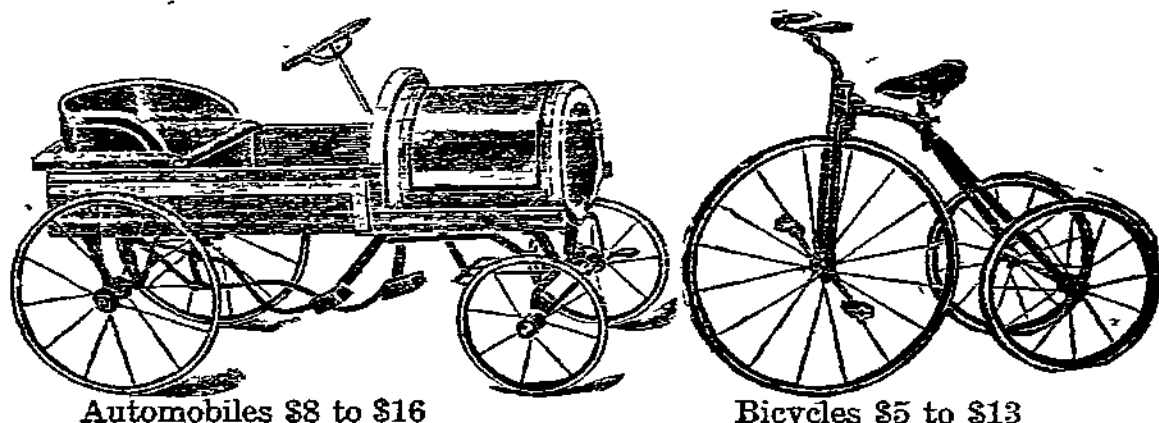
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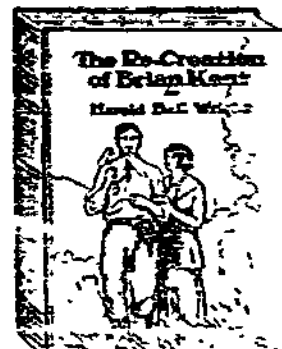
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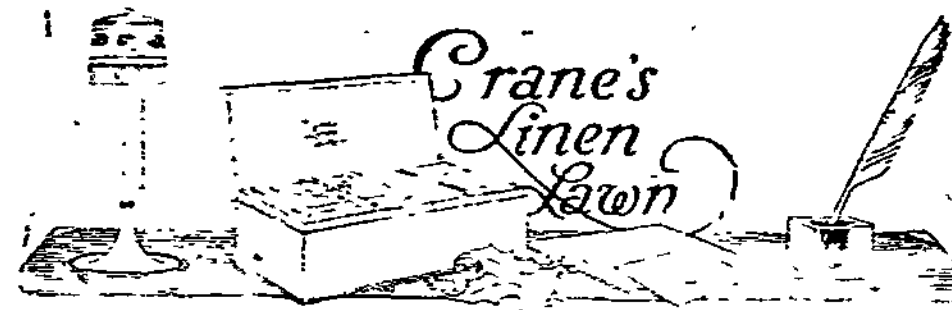


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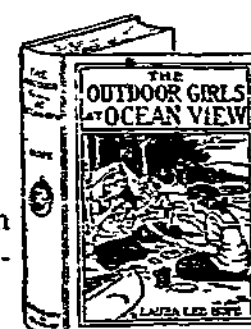


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The world's first telegram was received in Baltimore May 24, 1844, at old Mount Clair station. Its contents were: "From Washington to Baltimore. What God hath wrought." The same city had the first public building to be lighted by gas. It owned the first gas company founded in America, June 17, 1816. Of all this we are reminded in the Popular Science Monthly. Baltimore also was the first city to raise a monument to George Washington. It built the first clipper ships. The first merchant submarine to cross the Atlantic, the Deutschland, docked in Baltimore. America's first railroad ran from Baltimore to Ellicott Mills in 1827. And it is the birthplace of "The Sun-Sentinel Banner." Truly, Baltimore is "on the map."

School, and After.

An Ohio editor, writing on the uncertainties of life that lies before the school youth, says that it is well to call attention to the fact that one can't tell from a school report where a child will stand in life's long list. In school the child may be at the foot of the class as we used to say when the class stood up, and still beat all the others to a frazzle when it comes to getting out into the world and getting on in it. Still, that doesn't argue anything against study and learning, for the youth that idles away his time and is a dullard perhaps in class room and makes good after leaving school might do ever so much better had he applied himself to study during the study hours.—Youngstown Vindicator.

All the crops known to the north temperate zone are found in abundance in China. Emphasis is given to the rice crop, which forms the chief article of food for the nation. In many of the valleys are found vast beds of clay of excellent quality for the manufacture of pottery. The extent and value of China's clay is not yet realized by the world. For centuries the nation itself has been known in the western world, largely because of the excellence of its pottery. Added to these sources of wealth is the unrealized water power of China. The rivers, breaking through successive ranges of mountains, have in places attained a velocity sufficient to turn millions of spindles and to charge electric batteries with force sufficient to drive the modern engines of commerce with a velocity and power beyond all reckoning.

The Integrated Goat.

The story of the integrated goat concerns the goat who had a habit of cutting and no having any. For years he prior to buy a lawn-mower and he hated the labor of mowing, so he bought a goat. The goat saved him the labor by eating the grass, produced special milk for the baby, fertilized the lawn and ate a few tin cans on the side. That is a crude case of integrated effort. We pay tribute to the wisdom of this sort of effort in our popular proverb, "Killing two birds with one stone." This is also a crude figure. Real scientific integrated effort would require that we kill ten birds with one stone and get the stone back.—From the Nation's Business.

"Restoring" Diamonds.

The operation of restoring defective diamonds seems to be still practiced in Brazil, and this process of "diamond burning" has been imparted to Chambers Journal by a recent traveler. A crucible being heated cherry-red on a blacksmith's hearth, the flawed or lusterless diamonds are dropped into it with a spoon. Charcoal is then heaped upon the fire, and a blast raises the temperature to welding point, maintaining it three minutes. The crucible being next taken off for inspection of its contents, it is after this returned for a minute and a half more. It is then taken from the fire, and a teaspoonful of potassium nitrate is thrown into it and well shaken. When the vapor has disappeared the diamonds are dropped singly into a basin of water. The improvement of the stones is said to nearly double their value and their loss in weight is little more than eight per cent.

All Kinds of Warblers.

Not taking into account the human beings who are sometimes referred to as warblers, you will find on looking into a bird book that there are many kinds of warblers, ranging alphabetically all the way from bay-breasted warblers to yellow-rumped warblers, says the American Forestry association, Washington. If you had a collection of them all together they would take in about all the colors of the rainbow, yellow, orange, chestnut, black, white, green, gray, brown and other colors with numerous shades entering into their beautiful plumage.

Cats Tell the Time of Day.

In various parts of Turkey the watch and the clock are extremely rare, but the natives have an exceedingly ingenious way of approximating the time and some of them hit it with considerable accuracy. They locate two cardinal points of the compass and then, folding their hands together in such a manner that the forefingers point upward and in opposite directions, they observe the shadow cast. In the morning or the evening at certain known hours one finger or the other will point directly at the sun. A comparison of the two shadows will determine the hours between. Another system followed in Turkey and some other countries of the Orient is to observe the eyes of a cat. Early in the morning and evening the pupils are round. At 3 and 3 o'clock they are oval and at noon they consist of a narrow slit.

Conqueror and Poet.

Conquerors are a class of men with whom, for most part, the world could well dispense; nor can the hard in respect, the unsympathizing loquacity and high but selfish enthusiasm of such persons inspire us in general with any affection; at best it may excite amazement, and their fall, like that of a pyramid, will be beheld with a certain sadness and awe. But a true poet, a man in whose heart resides some effluence of wisdom, some one of the "eternal melodies," is the most precious gift that can be bestowed upon a generation; we see it in a freer, purer, development of whatever is noblest in ourselves.—style.

Anecdotes of Charles Kingsley abound just now, for he was born on June 12, 1819. Smokers will particularly relish one told by Mr. A. G. Benson, essayist and son of Archbishop Benson: "My father used to tell how once he was walking with Kingsley round about Eversley, when Kingsley suddenly stopped and said: 'It's no use. I know you detest tobacco, Benson, but I must have a smoke,' and he had accordingly gone to a big furze bush and put his arm in a hole, and after some groping about produced a big churchwarden pipe, which he filled and smoked with great satisfaction, afterward putting it into a hollow tree and telling my father, with a chuckle, that he had concealed pipes all over the parish to meet the exigencies of a sudden desire to smoke."

The Ideal.

The only kind of work that is vital and enduring and really worth while is the work in the doing of which a man is haunted by the ideal, and reaching out after an achievement finer and better than anything he has yet known. So true is that we do not believe since the world began any man ever did an enduringly fine piece of work who did not labor under the inspiration of a great dream. Let a man begin his life work without the throb and inspiration and power of such a vision-cherishing instinct, or let him lose it in the hard stress and struggle of the years, and he becomes, no matter what his sphere or calling in life, a mere "beaver of wood and drawer of water" one who does them in a cheap and commonplace and sordid way.

Novel Way to Hatch Fish.

The Edinburgh Scotsman says the Chinese have a novel way of propagating fish. The spawn is carefully collected from the surface of the water, and when a sufficient quantity has been obtained they take a number of hens' eggs, the contents of which have been carefully emptied through a small aperture, and refill the shells with spawn. The holes are sealed up and the eggs put under the broody hens. The hens are allowed to incubate the eggs for a certain number of days, when the eggs are again broken and their contents put into water that has been previously warmed by the sun. In a very short time the spawn hatches and the young fry are then kept in pure fresh water until a sufficient size to be able to care for themselves.

Famous Woman.

The first hand that touched our American Rock of Ages, the boulder that we call Plymouth Rock—was the hand of a woman on December 25, 1620. Well-grounded tradition has it that upon the little Mayflower, nearing the shores of Plymouth, after its fearful voyage, the first of its storm-wrecked company to leap ashore were Miles Standish and Priscilla Mullins, the Puritan maiden. During the appalling hardships of the transit a maiden's love and faith had burned, undimmed, cheering others in despair. Significant indeed that her trembling hand grasped first the rock of America's great future. She has been further immortalized by Longfellow in his "Courtship of Miles Standish."

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AUSTRIA' LOW ESTATE

What would Metternich say if he could look upon the Austria of today—the great Metternich who a century ago abored so successfully to make both his Austria and all Europe safe for autocracy. Then imperial Austria was great, powerful, dominating. Now the recumbent Austria is weak and small, cut down to a relatively insignificant strip of territory, and—except for its peasant farmers who hoard and hide the food they produce—it is face to face with actual starvation. We read that relentless famine grips the beautiful and proud city of Vienna, that travellers venturing into this city of two million souls must carry their food with them, and that Italy, England and Holland are making extraordinary efforts to dispatch immediate relief, in response to the tragic appeal to the world of Chancellor Renner: "We plead in the words of Christ, 'Behold now these men suffer.'" America also will no doubt extend its ready hand, so that the winter will be less of a black nightmare to these fallen wretched people.

It is possible now to understand that the Austria of old conquered and grabbed not solely for dominion but for self-preservation. The present Austria was industrial and produced its food and supplies elsewhere. It is said that not one of the new countries established from the ruins of the old empire of Austria-Hungary produces the half of its impelling needs. One has the coal, another the iron another the fertile wheat lands, and so on. The great upheaval has brought vast difficulties and perplexities along with coveted freedom.

If you want to get some idea of the magnitude of the coal mining industry, listen to Secretary Lane as he picturesquely remarks in his annual report; that the coal mined in this country last year "would build a wall as huge as the Great Wall of China around every boundary of the United States from Maine to Vancouver, down the Pacific to San Diego and eastward following the Mexican border and the coast to Maine again." Of course it is more important to learn that we have coal enough to last for centuries, and it is almost as interesting to hear that the average American miner takes out four times as much coal as his average cousin of the British Isles.

In Boston's new police, largely recruited from ex-doughboys, the "physical giant" is said to be conspicuous by his absence, which is a very good thing. The big fat policeman, soft and lazy from inaction, chiefly impressive to the eye of ladies and children, is a mistake, for he is apt to be mere mush in the hands of a young man of average height and weight who is hard from proper training.

The Germans thought the attitude of our Senate would enable them to refuse to sign the protocol, but Foch's six-day ultimatum has reminded them that what should have happened a year ago—a victorious march to Berlin—is still a possibility.

If, as reported, Prince Christian of Hesse is coming to visit us, some person ought to tell him to call it off. We are a hospitable people but a German prince so soon, even unconditionally and as the mere guest of "society" is the limit.

The "trade announcement" that there are to be new dress styles for women every month in the year is likely to prevent many a popping of the question that otherwise might be happily pulled off.

The House committee on military affairs wants a peace army of 300,000 agreeing with Pershing rather than with Baker and March.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kubina and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Brand and family left Charleroi on Thursday for Los Angeles, California.

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P. H. CIRCLE TO HONOR CHARLEROI

Uniontown was invaded on Tuesday last by over two hundred members of the Protective Home Circle from the surrounding towns to do honor to the institution of the Grand Inner Circle degree, which was conferred on fifty or more members of the Order. The installation ceremony and conferring of degrees was in charge of Grand State President Evan M. Roberts of Pittsburgh. The degree team was made up of members from Uniontown, Brownsville, Johnstown, Altoona and Charleroi. C. G. Collins and C. B. Copeland representing Charleroi Circle and having important assignments on the team.

The ladies of the Third Presbyterian church of Uniontown served a full course dinner which was a feature of the affair. The Moose hall was thrown open for the occasion and the spacious accommodations were utilized by the visitors, the lodge room for degree work while the social parlors were utilized for a dance in which the younger folks indulged.

Sixteen members from Charleroi and Donora attended and all report a most enjoyable time. During the evening the Supreme President took occasion to congratulate Charleroi Circle on the splendid work done under Deputy J. H. DeRusha. He also promised the next Grand Inner Circle would be held in Charleroi April 26, 1920 which will mean much for the Circle and the town.

The winter campaign for new members for Charleroi Circle is now under management of the local deputy, J. H. DeRusha, and quite an increase is anticipated.

WERE PREPARING AGAINST DROUTH

A number of foreigners living in South Donora, fearing the prohibitory drouth, which is scheduled to begin officially on the 16th of January, were interrupted in their preparations by Chief Smedley of Donora, early Sunday, when he paid an unexpected visit to a home in the above named borough.

Five barrels of prunes and raisin mash and a copper boiler were secured in the raid and four men Matt Blich Sam Paggo Sam Laskie and Matt Prausich were placed under arrest and are now being held to await action of the department of justice. The four men are said to have stated that they were going to make wine from the mash. A thorough search of the premises was made, but the officers were unable to find coils used in making liquor. The five barrels were found in the basement of the house.

Mrs. J. R. Crouch and son Joseph Jr., left today for Ford City, where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

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TO INVESTIGATE HODGE'S RECORD

At a meeting of the Donora Post of the American Legion held Thursday evening, it was decided that a committee be appointed to investigate the charges of the steel strikers' headquarters in Donora for several weeks as the personal representative of Foster, general secretary of the iron and steel workers organization. It has been asserted that Hodge was a draft evader, and that after being inducted into the service he turned conscientious objector. If these charges are substantiated, and the Legion proposes to seek light and information through government records, they propose that Mr. Hodge night has apparently taken hold all must not return to Donora. Hodge, who is an Englishman by birth, has been in this country about seven years.

County Detective Marker accompanied by Dan J. Chapin, United States Revenue Agent, arrived home Friday night, having with them Augustino Spinozza an Italian, charged with stealing 32 barrels of whiskey from the Vandergrift Distilling company near Fredericktown. Spinozza will be tried in the Washington county courts.

Smoking Jackets \$7.50 to \$10. R. O. Vetter. 161-tf

PLAN TO MAKE LIGHTED WAY

An illuminated Lincoln highway, paved throughout its length of nearly 3,900 miles from New York to San Francisco, equipped with artistic lighting stations, each one contributing in its architecture some sculptured phase of American history, recreation parks libraries and hotels is the project of a Toledo organization. It has laid the lighting plan of the project before the Henry L. Dodge highway committee of the Evening Sun. Long links of the Dixie highway in the South are now being lighted or placed in preparation for lighting.

The idea of automobile travel by night has apparently taken hold all across the nation and it is pointed out that vast improvements will be made in the Lincoln highway during the coming winter and spring.

The work of paving or surfacing the highway has been left to the several states traversed, but every automobile club from New York to San Francisco has come out emphatically for paving at any cost. It is claimed that trans-continental travel unusually heavy on the Lincoln highway last summer, will be doubled during the summer and fall of 1920.

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Arsenic in Coal

Poisoning by arsenic in coal, lately announced to the French Academy of Sciences by Charles Richet, seems to be of somewhat frequent occurrence. A serious outbreak of so-called pitch disease occurred at a briquette factory, and the symptoms in many of the employees included enormous tumors, which proved fatal in some cases. Chemical analysis showed that arsenic was contained in the pitch used. It was also found in dust of the factory, in the hair of the workers and even in the blood of nearly all, clearly showing that the men were being poisoned. This arsenic must have been derived from the coal supplying the pitch. Certain kinds of coal have been known to contain arsenical pyrites in considerable amount, and investigation brings to notice other workers in coal products who have similar symptoms, such as tar distillers, road asphalters, makers of tarred paper and makers of lampblack.

Romantic Story Denied

There is a romantic story told of the seal which Jules Favre affixed to his signature at Versailles on Jan. 28, 1871. It is said that Bismarck invited the French minister to follow his example and set his seal as well as his signature to the document. Favre, unlike Bismarck, having no coat of arms, made use of a ring engraved with the arms of France, a gift to him from Napoleon III. in honor of professional services. The man who claimed to be the real Louis XVII stated that the ring had belonged to his father, Louis XVI, and had been worn by him in the Temple during the imprisonment. The anecdote has been denied by the Favre family, and even if there had been no denial, the only seal appearing on the side of Favre's signature on the 1871 treaty is that of the minister for foreign affairs of the national defense government.

Trade in Human Hair

Apart from being used as the trade commodity hair is a big industry. That is why take the lead in this trade, the main source of their supply being from the peasant women of Italy, Lithuania and Switzerland. Several times a year these human hair merchants send their agents around to collect supplies, which are usually purchased for hair growing is cultivated on a very large scale by these women and yields a good remuneration to the producer. Two crops of hair a year and making none the worse for the process, not extraordinary among these peasant women. Half the hair at the back of the head is shaved off, the remaining half being drawn over the exposed part, and dressed in such a manner as only to be detected on very close scrutiny and by those experienced in the trade.

The Meed of Praise

Do we praise children enough? They need praise. No doubt about praising them enough. One teacher makes a practice of sending "good" notes if after a "bad" note there has been any improvement. One had a very unexpected result. The mother was so accustomed to getting the "bad" variety, but when the boy drew out an official-looking envelope, without waiting for explanations she "landed on him." To quote the deeply-injured boy. In the note that ensued the note was lost. With a personal visit from the teacher could convince her. The note was duplicated and from its proud position in the Bible is shown to the doubting relatives who used to make life pleasant by prophesying the penitentiary for Georgia.

Praised Japanese Music

The song which Japanese workmen sing when raising the roof of a new building ranks with the purest music of the world according to Henry Heine, a Boston composer, who is spending a year in Japan studying oriental music. He said in Tokyo: "The orientals have evolved by the process of elimination a perfect philosophy, a perfect art and a perfect music. If we could think as orientals think we would realize the absolute simplicity and perfection of their art life." As he goes about Japan he takes notes on the primitive music of laborers and on the sound of temple bells, with their beautiful overtones, with the view of making them themes for his compositions.

Pelican bend, in the Missouri river, near St. Charles, Mo., is the scene of a great annual gathering of pelicans. There is a big flat bar in the river here which has endured far beyond the usual span of a bar's existence in the treacherous shifting current of the Missouri. This bar is the semi-annual trapping place for vast flocks of pelicans that migrate from south to north in the spring, and from north to south in the fall. Persons who have observed their habits say that they invariably arrive at Pelican bend on September and remain until cold weather sends them south.

Properly Small

It was Bobbie's first day at kindergarten and the teacher asked each of the children to draw a picture of an apple. They all did so, then the teacher held up the different drawings, praising each one in turn. When she came to Bobbie's it was just a tiny little ring on the paper and one could scarcely see it. She said, "Well, Bobbie, that is pretty small for an apple." Not to be outdone by the others, Bobbie said, "But that is a crab apple."

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The McKeesport Big Lease Oil and Gas Co.

Not a Stock Company but a Co-partnership. Not a Town Lot Proposition but Four Wells will be drilled on 10 acres in the Gas Belt. Two producers 500 feet from property. Read the prospectus and give one share as a Christmas Present to your family

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For information of our associates who become our Co-partners in the McKeesport Big Oil & Gas Co.

Capital \$150,000

Par Value \$100

In order that there will be no misunderstanding or misrepresentation, we herewith state exactly the full facts pertaining to the property of the McKeesport Big Lease Oil & Gas Company and all that is contemplated in connection with its development.

Every McKeesport resident knowing the close proximity of our property, THE LANGE FARM, of 10 acres, to the prolific gas field; also that it is near the Anticline line, realizes the possibilities of this property for development purposes.

There are two producers within 500 feet of the Lange Farm.

Development work is being done north, east, south and west of the property.

We have arranged to begin the first well within 30 days.

Our company will sink four wells.

As the property is along the anticline line, and there being producers in the neighborhood, it is a thousand to one proposition that gas or oil will be struck. How much? That is the gamble.

One big producing well will enhance the value of the 10 acres. These 10 acres will increase in value with every new well. On the property every well will be protected by acreage.

The McKeesport Big Lease Oil & Gas Company is fortunate in having a lease by which all shareholders will have full benefit of all production.

This is not a stock proposition.

If we win, you win. There will be no control, no salaries. You will get what is coming to you.

In stock companies any kind of a dividend can be paid by a majority in control. We promise quick, faithful, honest and efficient management.

Already \$30,000 has been offered for the lease and its value may enhance to \$100,000 before 60 days. Town lots are selling for \$15,000 not far away from us. Ten acres sold for \$85,000, and a larger tract for \$125,000. A hundred derricks are going up and 500 companies will be drilling before next April.

It is the general prediction that oil will be struck. If it is, your 1 share in this company owning 10 acres of leases will make you independent.

You have three good propositions in one.

First, the 10 acres in the tested gas territory. We have the absolute judgement of the most successful gas expert in McKeesport regarding this fact.

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The trustees guarantee to turn in the property, pay advertising and all promotion expenses, manage the field and business operations, and drill 4 wells. If you figure this out as a business proposition you will be satisfied.

The value of your one share will enhance with each new strike in the district during the next 30 days, and we confidently believe every share will be sold inside of 10 days.

R. W. EGAN, Treasurer; D. A. OATES, Telephone 1236-R McKeesport; GRANT S. WHITSLAR, William Penn Hotel, Pittsburg, Pa. DAVID F. OWEN, Superintendent McKeesport Hospital, McKeesport

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Enclose find check for for shares in Company.

As we expect to dispose of all stock within 10 days, we reserve the right to return money if entire allotment is sold.

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Ladies Dressing Sacques and Kim-
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Ladies Fancy Silk and Tailored
Waists
Down Comfortables.
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Buy her a nice new Rug for
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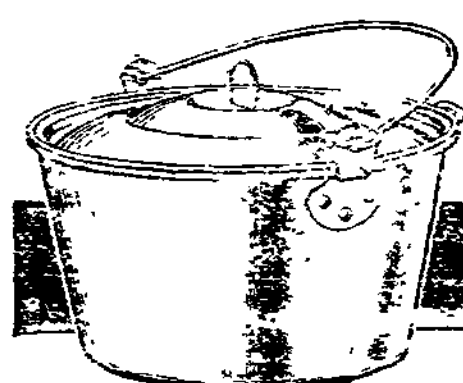
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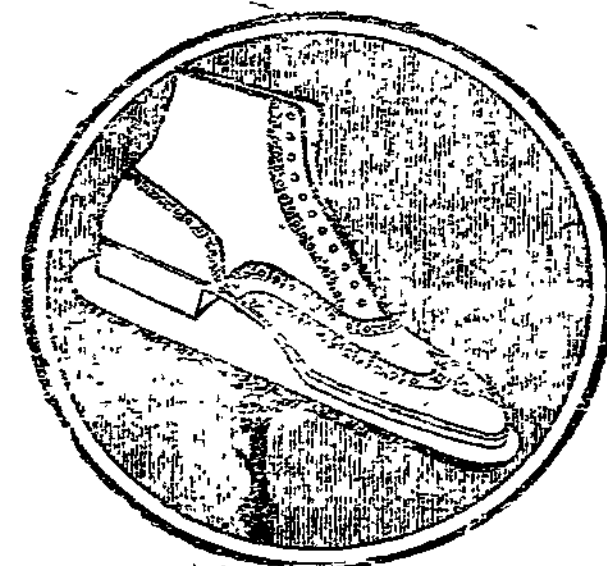
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W. J. E. McLain of Claysville is
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congressional district. His friends
have been active in his behalf for
some time and in addition to this
he has written many personal let-
ters to his friends all over the dis-
trict. Mr. McLain has been cash-
ier of the National Bank of Clays-
ville for many years, of which his

father the late Senator J. B. Mc-
Lain was president.

CALIFORNIA MURDER STILL A MYSTERY

The authorities have been unable
to discover the identity of the young
man found murdered along the
Granville hollow road last Saturda-
morning. The body is still at the
Timcoe mortuary in California, and
Coroner Heffran will hold an inquest
Tuesday morning at 9:30 a. m.

Use the Classified Column

OLD FEUD BREAKS OUT IN NEW FORM

The Underwood-Mikesell controversy, which has been before the Washington county courts on previous occasions for settlement, broke out in a new form on Monday last, when O. Evans Mikesell sealer of weights and measures, brought suit against Washington county to recover \$150.58, which amount is claimed as expense incurred in the duties of his office during August, September and October, 1919. The statement of claim simply states that payment was refused when presented. It is understood that the county commissioners approved the bill, but the controller refused to sign the warrant.

On January 7, 1918, the county commissioners raised Mr. Mikesell's salary from \$1,500 to \$1,800 a year, payable semi-monthly. However, the controller contested their right to do this, claiming that the sealer of weights and measures was not performing his duties in the proper manner. The matter was taken before the court for settlement and the court ruled in favor of the county commissioners who had approved his bill for salary at that time.

During the crusade against short weights and measures in the county several months ago the controller was present with the sealer of weights and measure when hearings were being held and appeared to be on the best of terms with that official.

GOVERNOR HAS TO SIGN MANY PAPERS

People of Pennsylvania have piled up some opportunity for Governor William C. Sproul to write his name between now and the first of the year. As a result of the election and State laws requiring the Governor to commission certain officers of counties there are almost 600 commissions prepared for the Governor's name and the men elected will take office in January.

In addition to this big list there have been prepared commissions for something between 1,300 and 1,400 justices of the peace who will assume their duties next month. Years ago these commissions used to be written on parchment, but now they are lithographed on a specially made paper and the names filled in.

Rev. and Mrs. Logan Hall of Evanston, Ill., and Miss Ann Stephens are visiting at the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stephens of Crest avenue. Mrs. Hall and Miss Stephens are students at Northwestern University and Rev. Hall is pastor of the Arnold Memorial M. E. Church of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kubina and daughter Edna, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Brand and children and John Rock have gone to Los Angeles California where they will make their future homes.

"It's all in the point of view," is true of a good many things, and one of these may be the question, "What is civilization?" As late as the seventeenth century the highbrows of England were yet to be astonished by the advent of the fork. It was introduced by Thomas Coryate, the famous wanderer and writer, who said of it in his "Cruities": "The Italians cannot by any means endure to have their flesh touched with fingers, seeing that all men's fingers are not alike clean." For this he was long ridiculed. They called him the man who "used a fork at feeding."

Motor Cop Hides in Boiler.
In one week 202 speeding motorists on Mission road at Los Angeles, Cal., were arrested by a motorcycle policeman who apparently materialized out of thin air. His well-chosen hiding place was a big abandoned boiler in a vacant lot, which afforded sufficient room for the machine as well as its rider.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

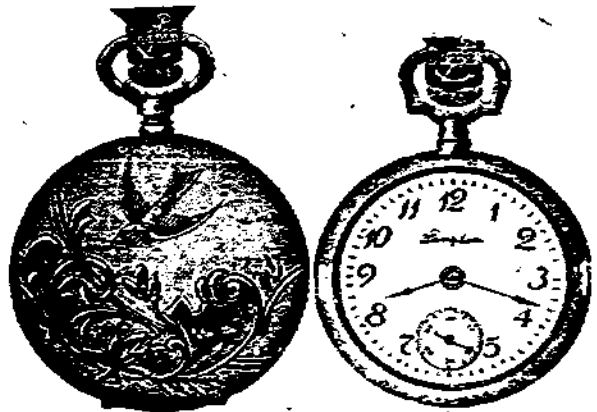
Notice Is Hereby Given
That the partnership, lately subsisting between C. F. Reed and Henry Tustin of Charleroi, Penn., under the firm name of C. F. Reed Company, was dissolved on the ninth day of December A. D. 1919, by mutual consent. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be received by said C. F. Reed and all demands on the said partnership are to be presented to him for payment.
C. F. Reed,
Henry Tustin

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Solid Gold Watches from \$25.00 to \$100
Twelve and sixteen size American Watches in thin model Nickel case \$7.00 up

Waldemar Chains

Waldemar Chains, gold filled .75 cto \$2
Solid gold Waldemar Chains \$7.50 to \$28.50
Solid gold front Waldemar chain \$2.95 to \$8.50

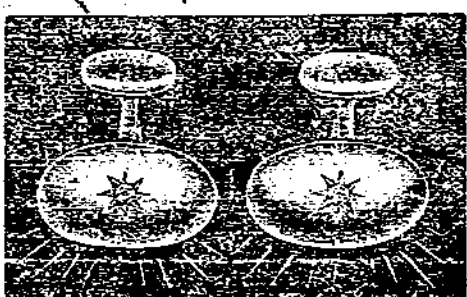
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Fobs, gold filled, guaranteed \$4.50 to \$10
Fobs, gold mount and silk \$1 to \$7.50
Lapel Chains, gold filled and gold frone, guaranteed .75c to \$3.00
Lapel Chains, solid gold \$4 to \$10
Emblem Chains, gold filled, guaranteed \$1 to \$10.50
Charms, solid gold \$4.50 up

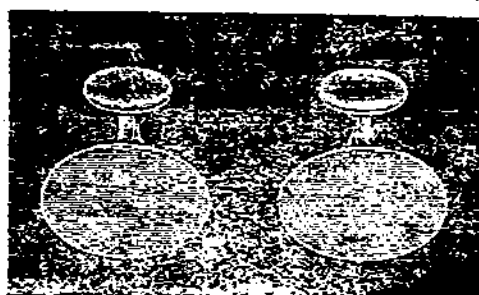
Cuff Links -- Tie Clasps



Cuff Links with Diamonds \$5 to \$50
Also Emblem and Locket Tie Clasps



Emblem buttons, solid gold, with diamonds at \$3.00 to \$10



Stick Pins

Set Stick Pins, gold filled from .50c to \$1
Set Stick Pins, solid gold \$1.50 to \$15.00

Signet Rings

Signet Rings, solid gold \$3.00 to \$17.50
Signet Rings, gold filled \$1.00 to \$2.50
Signet Cuff Links, gold filled .50c to \$1.00
Signet Cuff Links, solid gold top from \$1.50 to \$2.25
Solid gold Cuff Links, plain or fancy from \$3.50 to \$10.00

Toilet and Military Sets

Military Sets of Genuine Ivory, Paraline, First Quality in two Military Brushes and Combs, two Military Brushes, Comb and Cloth and Hat Brush combinations from \$5.00 to \$12.50
A large variety to select from, fitted up in pretty colored boxes.

Safety Razors

Plain Razors \$1 to \$6.50
Gillette Safety Razors \$5.00 up
Ever Ready Safety Razor \$1.00 up

Collar Button Cases



Collar Button Cases, silver and gold from .35c to \$2.00

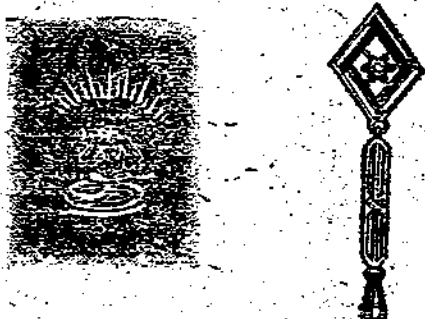
Shaving Sets

Rogers Silver Shaving Sup and Brush in fine lined box from \$2.00 to \$7.00
Rogers Silver Shaving Outfit with adjustable French plate Mirror \$8.50 to \$11.50

Clothes and Hat Brushes

Clothes Brush, genuine ivory and genuine leathers \$1.50 to \$6.50
Cloth Brush, silver plate \$1.35 up
Plasks in leather case .95c up
Hat Brushes, silver plate and ivory .75c to \$5.00
Ivory Dressing Combs .35c up

Diamond Studs



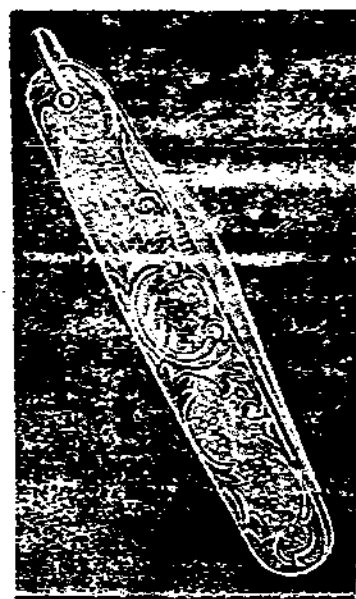
Set Rings

Set Rings, solid gold \$3.50 to \$12.00
Birthstone Rings, solid gold \$4.95 to \$25.00
Diamond Rings \$15 to \$350
Reconstructed Ruby, white, pink and golden Sapphire Rings \$8.50 to \$35



Emblem Rings, solid gold \$2.25 to \$25

Penknives



Penknives, gold filled, sterling and pearl at \$1.00 to \$3.50
Penknives, solid gold and diamond \$3.85 to \$15.00

Match Boxes

Match Boxes, silver and gold filled with emblems .50c to \$1.00
Match Boxes, sterling silver \$1.50 to \$5.50

Photo Cases, Etc

Photo Cases, gold filled and silver for Waldemar Chains \$3.50 up
Leather Card Cases .50c to \$7.50
Leather Pocket Photo Frames from .75c to \$2.50
Ink Wells, Cut Glass and Sterling Silver tops and brass .50c
Paper Weights \$1.00
Desk Sets in Mahogany trimming \$5.00 up

Cigar Holders



Amber Cigar Holders with gold band
Mersham Pipes and Cigar Holder

Smoking Sets

Novelty Smoking Sets from .35c to \$1
Cigar Lighters from .25c up
Silver Smoking Sets from \$2 to \$12
Brass Smoking Sets on stands \$2 each up
Ash Receivers in brass and copper 25c up
Humidors and Tobacco Jars

Cigarette Cases



Cigarette Cases in silver plate and gun metal from .50c to \$3.40
Cigarette Cases, Sterling Silver \$7 to \$12



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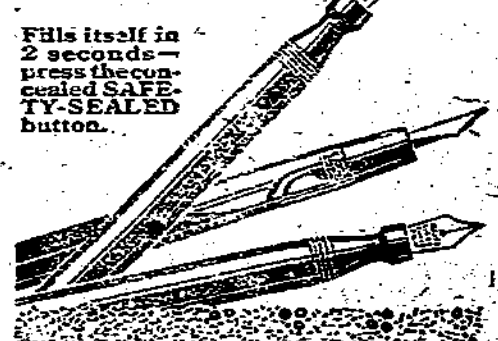
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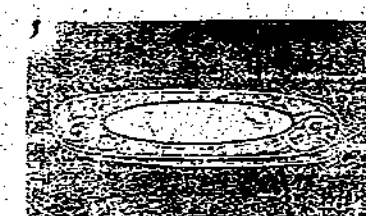
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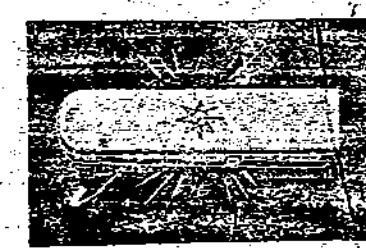
Fountain Pens, Waterman, Houston Safety Chain and Parker, solid gold, engraved free of charge \$1.50 to \$10.00
Other makes, Fountain Pens, solid gold points .75c up

Watch Fobs

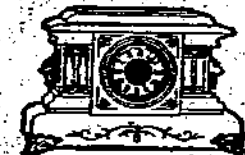
Dressy watch fobs, such as we have on display will surely please him.



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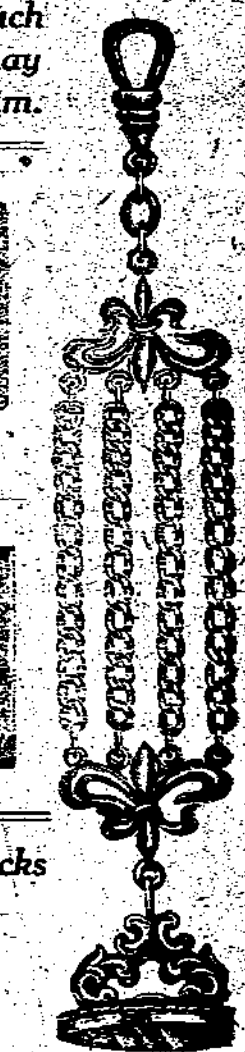
Umbrellas, gold and Sterling Silver handles \$1.50 to \$12.00
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Sterling Silver, Sterling front and gold filled and solid gold Belt Buckles, with genuine Leather Belt from \$1.25 each and up

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It takes about six hours to build a first-class winter residence in Eskimo land. The material, snow cut from a bank that must have been made in a single storm, must be solid and homogeneous, fine, yet soft enough to be easily cut with saw or snow knife. The blocks are three or four feet long, two feet high and six to eight inches thick. They are piled on one another, something like in building a brick house, save that they are placed to form a spiral, inclined inward, to form a dome-shaped structure. When finished the house is 10 or 12 feet high and 12 to 15 feet in diameter, and has the appearance of a hemisphere of snow set on its flat side. An entrance, big enough to crawl through, is made on one side and on either side of it are cubby-holes for the storage of harness, spare food, etc. A window is cut in the wall and covered with seals' intestines, sewed together. These are translucent and admit daylight. In lieu of that a slab of clear fresh-water ice may be used. The house is lined with skins to prevent the warm air from the inside from melting the snow roof. Between the skins and the wall there is always a layer of cold air. There is also a small hole cut in the roof for ventilation, and to provide a draught for the family lamp. On the side of the house opposite the entrance a broad snow bench is built, with a long pole for an edge. This is the family bed. For a mattress a thick layer of shrubs is spread upon it and over these many deer skins. Clothes, when taken off, are rolled up and put under the skins for pillows. One blanket of skins serves to cover the whole family.

WISDOM IN JUDGE'S CHARGE

Irish Jurist Warned "Good Men and True" Against Being "Obfuscated" by the Lawyers.

Round the library fire in the Four Courts, Dublin, Irish barristers long have gathered to spin yarns of their profession while waiting for briefs. One of these stories was of a novel charge to a jury given by a Gaelic judge, which is recalled by a writer in the Irish World, as follows: "Gentlemen of the jury," a judge began when counsel for the defense had concluded an eloquent and elaborate address. "Gentlemen of the jury, there are two courses, do you observe, to be adopted by counsel. The first is simple enough. If he has a middling case he endeavors to convince the jury. But if he has no case at all, if the

evidence is all one way and the guilt of the prisoner is as plain, do you see, as the nose on his face, and no one but a fool or a juror could be asked to have a doubt about it, then counsel endeavors to obfuscate the jury. For counsel seems to think that when intelligent men come into a jury box they hang up their common sense with their hats and coats on the pegs behind them."

The Days of '49.

California was as popular 70 years ago as it is now, judging by an extract from a copy of a Missouri paper in the possession of a Blythe (Cal.) man, dated 1849. The extra is an advertisement for an auction sale.

"Public sale, state of Missouri, county of Pike. To whom it may concern: The undersigned will, on Tuesday, September 25, A. D. 1849, sell at public outcry for cash, on the premises, where Coon creek crosses the Old Missouri road, the following chattels, to-wit: Six yoke oxen with yokes and chains; two wagons with beds, three nigger benches, four buck niggers, three nigger boys, two prairie plows, twenty-five steel tracks, one barrel pickled cabbage, one hoghead tobacco, a lot of nigger hoes, one spinning wheel, one loom, thirteen fox hounds, a lot of coon, fox and skunk skins and a lot of other articles. I am gwine to California.

"N. B.—Gingerbread and hard cider free on the grounds."

Gets 'Em on the Fly.

The Wilson warbler is the champion fly-catcher of the United States. His method of getting most of his food is to dash out from the limb of a tree and snatch passing insects on the wing. They catch other insects which are flitting about or sitting on the foliage or blossoms of the trees. You will often find these little birds in apple trees when in bloom. Their olive green and yellow plumage harmonizes with the green leaves of the trees. The male bird has a black crown patch on the top of its head, while on the female this cap is greenish like the back. This bird is found throughout the eastern United States but winters in Central America.

The Japanese farmer is independent of the rubber trust, for his overshoes are made of wood and his raincoat is rice straw matting reaching nearly to his knees and raveled for about a foot into fringe. In the old days he could not afford a hat; but now he gets a better price for his crops, so he no longer goes bareheaded. The hat that he buys is a thing of use more than of beauty; the rain slides from it as from a pointed roof, and does not put out the fire in his little "one-puff" pipe. —World Outlook.

Assyria's Great Queen.

Semiramis is called the "legendary" queen of Assyria; but Babylon was an old city before Nebuchadnezzar trod its dust. Semiramis had been the wife of Omnes, general in the king's army. In the siege of Bactria she herself led a furious charge against the walls, and captured it. Enchanted by her power, King Ninus resolved to make her his queen. Omnes committed suicide. At the king's death, Semiramis ruled the kingdom, founded Babylon, conquered Persia and Egypt, and made incursions into India, where in personal combat with King Strabobates she was wounded. She died at sixty-two, builder, terror, charmer—a great woman.

Electric Sugar Wrapper.

An electrically driven machine wraps lump sugar in individual papers at a speed of 7,500 lumps an hour.

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Conciliation.

The cook of a certain family had been in the same situation for years. One afternoon the mistress of the house visited the kitchen and said, "You know, cook, we are all very fond of you. I hope you like your present room and are content with your wages? I am thinking of giving you one of my silk petticoats." The cook's eyes widened, and she said, "Oh, m'm, however many people have you asked to dinner now?"

Chinese Locomotive Engineers.

Chinese engine drivers have the gentlest sense of touch with the air brake of any in the world. A break in two is almost unheard of, and there is very little damage to cars in Shantung on Chinese railways.

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Life is life's supreme interest. Without it nothing is possible; with it, all American life is the supreme interest of America. That life is full, progressive, intense, ambitious, imperfect. One of its glories may be called its imperfections. For there is a glory of the imperfect.—Charles F. Thwing.

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You May Join as Many Classes as You Desire

You will receive YOUR CHRISTMAS MONEY two weeks before CHRISTMAS

Is it possible to think of an EASIER and SURER WAY to save money for Taxes, Christmas Presents, Vacation Expenses or for any other purposes?

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CHARLEROI, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1919

TWO CENTS

NEW OFFICIALS WILL BE SWORN IN BY JUDGE J. A. McILVAINE

Ceremony Will Take Place
Monday, January 5,
at 10 A. M.

OCCASION TO BE VERY FORMAL

Haldain B. Hughes, judge-elect of the newly created court of Washington county, and Judge James I. Brownson, additional law judge, will be sworn into office Monday morning, January 5, 1920, at 10 o'clock. The oath of office will be administered by President Judge John A. McIlvaine, who is preparing a somewhat formal program for the occasion.

Not only will Judge McIlvaine swear in the newly-elected judges, but also all of the county officers elected last November. This is an innovation in the way of induction of county officials into office, as heretofore these officials have simply taken the oath of office before some one empowered to administer oaths, and then at the appointed time assume the office to which they had been elected.

Judge McIlvaine proposes that the ceremony on the 5th of January shall be of a more formal character. It will be many years, before such an occasion will arise again, which is probably one reason for surrounding the event with more than the usual formalities.

The commissions of both Judge Hughes and Judge Brownson have been received at Washington and have been left for record in the recorder's office. Both commissions bear the signature of Governor William C. Sproul.

The officers to be sworn in on the 5th of January, in addition to the two judges, are: A. H. Erwin, Cummins, district attorney; Alex. B. Gray, sheriff; Harry E. Pollock, prothonotary; E. G. McGregor, clerk of courts; James Walker, J. Elmer Johnston and W. H. Ecker, commissioners; R. G. Lutton, treasurer; John Aiken, register; William Greenlee, coroner; W. W. Hawkins and W. E. Lane, directors of the poor; and George Cheney, county surveyor.

Why Pay More Elsewhere?

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STATE HIGHWAYS

OPPOSE CINDER ROADS

State Highway Commissioner Lewis B. Sadler has refused to consent to a plan of Venango county commissioners to build cinder roads on county highways out of the \$1,000,000 loan authorized by the county and declared that the state would only approve durable highway construction. Mr. Sadler said it was no use to spend long-time funds on short-time roads.

Help the Little Fellow Grow. Ewald's Jewelry Store, 409 Fallowfield. Large selections of fine hand bags \$8 to \$40. R. O. Vetter. 161-111

MARRIED SATURDAY BY REV. JOHN R. BURSON

Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the study of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church, occurred the marriage of Ralph F. Sautell of Monessen and Miss Bema Padovani of 1204 Crest avenue, Charleroi. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John R. Burson, pastor of the church. The study was dressed in holiday attire and all the decorations were in keeping with the occasion. Mr. Sautell is in the employ of the P. & L. E. railroad and Miss Padovani has been employed as a clerk in Wayne's department store. At the close of the ceremony the young people started on a wedding journey.

MAY HAVE CLUE TO CALIFORNIA MURDER

It is intimated that county officials investigating the murder which occurred on the Grandville road back of Coal Centre some time Friday night, have an important clue which may have a particular bearing on unravelling the mystery which now surrounds the case. It is intimated that a couple of young men who have been absent from the community the past few days might be able to throw some light on the murder. From investigations already made it is believed that it was the purpose of those responsible for the death of the young man to place his body in a coal mine near that point, but being unable to gain entrance, put it near the creek where they attempted to destroy it in such a way as to prevent identification.

ALUMNI BASKET BALL GAMES DECEMBER 30TH

The annual basket ball game between the alumni and the High school team will be played Tuesday evening, December 30th, and a most interesting contest is anticipated. At the conclusion of the game a social session will follow, in which dancing will be a feature. Charleroi students attending colleges and universities and now spending the holiday season at home are expected to be present.

During the Christmas holidays all of the public school buildings are being thoroughly disinfected and will be in readiness for the opening of school on Monday, January 5th. The schools closed last Friday evening for the usual mid-winter holidays.

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The Christmas Spirit and Christmas Thoughts

The Christmas spirit was much in evidence on Sunday at the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church. Large audiences attended all the services. The most elaborate decorations in years were in the main auditorium. The choir had special musical numbers were given. The following thoughts were presented by Rev. Burson in closing his morning discourse:

"Let the spirit of Christmas warm your hearts like the winter's fire and though winter comes robed in holly and evergreen, her voice speaks of peace, of generosity and good will. Let those who teach class hatred and the profiteers who take advantage of their neighbors, stand by that mangled cradle and be rebuked, for selfishness is not there."

Let those who are selling their souls for gold dust, and are crowding out the finer things of life become a little child again and for one day at least, buy back their priceless heritage. Give your gifts, O man, without any thought of return.

"The miser dwells in a house named 'Tomorrow,' on a street called 'By-and-By,' in a city named 'Never.' The Christmas spirit drives out greed and hardness and in their place leaves sympathy and good will. So let us all make a pilgrimage, not to Athens with her art, nor to Thebes, Alexandria or Rome, but to Bethlehem for earth's King was born there."

"Away with the pessimists, away with the preachers of hate, and let us hear the angels' song and go with the wise men, for the gospel of good will and brotherhood only will usher in the Golden Age."

MURDERED MAN MAY BE FROM CHARLEROI

Local police were informed today noon that the man found murdered on the Grandville road near Coal Centre last Saturday morning may have been from Charleroi. A thorough search of his clothing discovered a Pennsylvania railroad rebate check from Charleroi to California, and this leads authorities at California to believe that the man may have been from this town. According to the examining physician he was a man between the ages of 22 and 28 years of age. He had on blue serge pantaloons, a brown coat, and over it a mackintosh, with dark red pair of shoes on an army last. The Charleroi police have not been informed of the absence of any one from Charleroi that would answer the description of the man found, and whose body is now at Timcoe's mortuary in California. Other facts may develop at the coroner's inquest on Tuesday.

HILLMAN CO. BUYS ADDITIONAL LAND MAY PRIMARIES TO NOMINATE MANY

The Hillman Coal and Coke company recently purchased a tract of land below Arensburg station, not far from Brownsville, which may at some time in the future be used for another opening in connection with the Isabella operation.

The land is ample and well adapted to include a town site, in addition to all space required in connection with the mine and surface work. The company has no intention at present of making immediate use of the property, it is understood.

Rumors in circulation that the Hillman company was in some manner interested in the construction of a steel plant in the Arensburg section are without foundation. There does exist a tract of land in that vicinity available for manufacturing purposes, but this, while suitable for a good sized factory is not considered sufficiently large for a steel plant.

*Use the Classified column.

FIRST PRES. CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The services on Sunday at the First Presbyterian church were of distinctive Christmas character and were greatly enjoyed by the congregation, both morning and evening. At the morning hour the Sunday school held its annual treatment and rendered its usual Christmas program. There were 135 pupils present, and a special collection was taken for the relief of the Syrian children, who are suffering from destitution and hunger as an effect of the late war. The children contributed \$75.00 which was a contribution of most generous proportions. In the evening "The Littlest Son," an accident rushed to his side. He was placed in a truck and hurried to a physician, but nothing could be done. The body was taken to the morgue of Deputy Coroner Rabe.

FIVE ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY AT COKEBURG

Five young men of Cokeburg were placed under arrest on Saturday last by Constable Elmer E. Cummins, charged with robbing the store of Jack Hurst. They will be given a hearing before Justice Carmichael in Washington on Tuesday. All furnished bail, although four were unable to do so until after they had been placed in jail.

The five defendants, Charles Williams, Thomas Mox, George Mox, Martin, Mox and Andrew Johnson, are all well known young men in the Cokeburg community and are employed in the mines there. They are accused of crashing in a large ornate glass window of the Hurst store and then robbing it. It is stated that one of the quintet carried a revolver and while the store was being ransacked, fired a shot into that portion of the building occupied by Mr. Hurst and his family. The robbery occurred late Friday night and was one of the most daring committed in the county for months.

THE CHRISTIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL GIVES "WHITE GIFTS TO THE KING"

NEW BOAT IS IN COMMISSION TODAY

The new all-steel stern wheel steamer Homer D. Williams, of the Carnegie line, is scheduled to make its appearance in the towing trade of the Monongahela today. The boat, which is a companion vessel to the Edgar Thomson, was finished last week, and will from now on be regularly engaged in towing coal from the sixth pool to the Clairton by-product coke ovens. The boat is named in honor of the President of the Carnegie Steel company.

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Makes Change in Annual Custom, and Gives Donations

PROGRAM A SPLENDID SUCCESS

The First Christian church was taxed to its capacity Sunday evening when the first "White Gifts to the King" service was held. It is said by many that the service surpassed in beauty, impressiveness and solemnity any service heretofore attempted.

Believing that it is "More blessed to give than to receive" the Christian Sunday school broke away from the annual Christmas entertainment and substituted the proposition that a Sunday school made up of both grown-ups and children could and would get more real pleasure out of giving of either self or substance than by coming into a service where something by substance only was expected and received. The members caught the vision and helped make the Christmas giving a splendid success.

The decorations were more elaborate than ever before, the general scheme being arched lattice work interwoven with green cedar white stars, white white streamers helped to complete the pleasing effect. Just behind the arch in the lattice work stood a large electric cross, which when illuminated shed its rays over the audience, creating a wonderful effect as each class moved forward to lay its gifts at the foot of the cross.

The program was a splendid success. The solos were Miss Duval and Mr. Stroud. The music was beautiful and a large junior choir formed a half circle on the platform. Mrs. Lulu C. Darragh played the piano and Miss Bell the violin. At times all three instruments, the pipe organ, piano and violin were used. At the close of the program Miss Helen Sharpnack recited the "Legend of Cathay." Then at a given signal the large electric cross which up to this time had been dark was lighted. Then the march of the classes bearing gifts began, the primary and intermediate classes going first, the larger boys and girls next and the adults last. Each scholar placed a gift at the foot of the cross. Throughout this part of the service "Melody of Love" was played softly on the organ, piano and violin. At the end of the march the classes a prayer was offered by the minister. Then the lights were turned on and the Junior choir, "Ring Bells, Ring." The gifts donated by the school will be donated to the needy of the community.

Circ. Silk Shirts \$6 to \$12. R. O. Vetter. 161-111

Majestic Theatre Today
Madlainie Traverse in "SNARES OF PARIS"
The story of a mother with a past who turns at bay
Also a Big "V" comedy
Tomorrow--Pauline Frederick in "Bonds of Love"

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Coyle Theatre Today
Tom Mix in a 5 reel western picture
"The Heart of Texas Ryan"
Wednesday--Jack Pickford in a drama of boyhood love and adventure, "Bill Apperson's Boy"

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"What to give him for Xmas" is easily solved by an inspection of our splendid display of exquisite articles in Gold and Silver gifts of genuine intrinsic value besides beauty of craftsmanship. Watches, Rings, Cuff Links, Fobs, Cigar Cutters, Gold Knives, Chains, Scarf Pins, Cigarette Cases.

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